

Remarks

Claims 1 – 18, 22 –24, and 26 – 29 are in this application.

Claims 19 - 21 and 25 are cancelled.

Specification

The disclosure was objected to because of informalities in paragraph [0042], as detailed by the Examiner in item # 1 on page 2 of the 2-20-2003 office action.

Applicant has amended paragraph [0042] to delete the discussion of the term "preparable". Applicant has also cancelled claim 19 from the application. The intent of original paragraph [0042] was to support claim 19. As claim 19 has been deleted from the application, the corresponding description in paragraph [0042] has been deleted accordingly.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claim 19 was rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 19 has been cancelled from this application.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102

In the office action dated 02-20-2003, claims 19, 20, 21, and 25 were rejected as being anticipated by Fujiki, et al. (U.S. 4,721,764) or King et al. (U.S. 5,696,209).

Applicant has cancelled claims 19, 20, 21, and 25.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner states claims 1 –18, 22—24, and 26-29 are allowable subject matter. These claims remain unchanged in this application.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections is requested. Allowance of claims at an early date is solicited.

The present response is being submitted within the three month shorten statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action. Applicant hereby authorizes the USPTO to charge deposit account 04-1520 for any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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